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In re Application of  
John G. Stark et al  
Serial No. : 09/416,192  
Filed : October 11, 1999  
For : System for Orthopedic Treatment

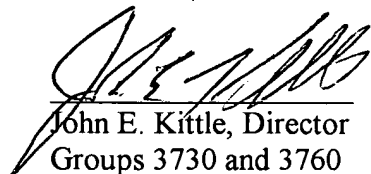
: DECISION ON PETITION  
: TO WITHDRAW  
: HOLDING OF  
: ABANDONMENT  
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This is a decision on petitioner's request filed March 13, 2002, to review the holding of abandonment mailed February 21, 2002, for failure to respond to the Office action mailed July 19, 2001. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response, a copy of a three-month extension of time request and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated February 12, 2002. The communication received February 12, 2002 includes a certificate of mailing dated January 18, 2002.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 21, 2002, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the response filed February 12, 2002.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

  
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